

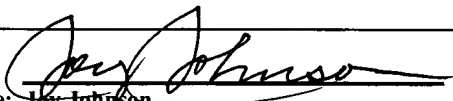


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: K. Kasper et al. Examiner: M.E. Ceperley  
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IMMUNOASSAY METHODS FOR TACROLIMUS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Gentlemen:

In response to the Office Action of March 7, 2001 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Once amended) A monoclonal antibody to tacrolimus produced by a hybridoma produced by fusion of antibody-producing cells from an antibody-producing mammal immunized with tacrolimus derivatized with a carboxymethyl oxime moiety at carbon atom 22 conjugated to a high molecular weight protein with a suitable fusion partner, that has a binding

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